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Dear Mr. Norton:

As you know, Congress recently added new requirements for disclaimers in television communications paid for by candidates or authorized by candidates [2 U.S.C. 441d(d)(1)]. I am writing to apprise the Commission of certain campaign acts which violate our campaign finance law. Stephanie Summers O'Neal for US Congress (Committee ID: C00395863) is the committee in question. The following outline provides detailed violations of our campaign finance laws:

1. The Committee began running television ads on or about January 7, 2004.

1.1.1. These ads do not satisfy the new statutory language requiring that a communication that is paid for or authorized by a candidate or the candidate's authorized committee and transmitted through television have an oral disclaimer spoken by the candidate himself or herself [2 U.S.C. 441d(d)(1)(B)].

1.1.2. These ads, which ran in the Jackson-metro area, are not consistent with FEC rules.

The Committee has clearly violated the letter and spirit of our campaign finance and election laws. I trust that a prompt and full investigation into these charges is forthcoming. If additional information is needed, please contact me.

Sincerely,


Bennie G. Thompson
Member of Congress

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 9th day of March, 20 04


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